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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 19, 1997, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims

Please cancel non-elected claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 16-18 and 31-34, subject to Applicants' right to file divisional applications thereon.

Please cancel claims 27-30, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) A method of [treating] decreasing the deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix associated with a pathology or a condition characterized by the TGF- $\beta$ -induced production and deleterious accumulation of an extracellular matrix component in a tissue comprising: